



Lake Ontario- St. Lawrence River Regulation

Roles & Responsibilities of Key Players



International Joint Commission ([IJC](#))

- Approves conditions and criteria for water levels and flows in Orders of Approval
- Issues directives to the Board
- Appoints members to the Board
- Consults with the governments of the United States and Canada as required



International Lake Ontario-St. Lawrence River Board ([ILOSRLB](#))

- 12 members, 6 each from Canada and the US
- Makes decisions and sets regulated outflows in accordance with the [IJC Order](#), [directive](#) and [regulation plan](#)
- Communicates to public and stakeholders
- Supported by binational committees comprised of Fed/State/Provincial water management experts, local representatives and Indigenous Peoples

Board Regulation Representatives

- Provide technical support to Board
- Compute [outflows weekly](#) and monitor hydrological conditions
- Represent Board on Operations Advisory Group, ensure outflows meet conditions and criteria outlined by IJC and Board

Board Secretaries

- Provide administrative and communication support to Board
- Maintain [Board minutes](#) & [records](#)

Communications Committee

- Composed of ILOSRLB and IJC Staff
- Oversees public outreach and communications

Operations Advisory Group

- Composed of commercial navigation and hydropower representatives
- Advises Board on near-term operations, potential implications on regulating outflows

Gauging Committee

- Composed of US/CAD regulation representatives, technical support, and hydro power authorities responsible for operating the project
- Ensures accurate reporting of levels and flows in the St. Lawrence River

Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Adaptive Management Committee ([GLAM](#))

- Reviews and evaluates regulation plans in the Great Lakes
- Considers socio-economic and environmental interests

Federal, provincial and state agencies

Serve as members or secretaries of IJC Boards & Committees

Hydropower Entities (Non-IJC Entity)

[Ontario Power Generation](#) and [New York Power Authority](#) jointly own and operate the dams through which Lake Ontario outflows are primarily regulated through releases directed by the Board